

Regarding need for a special scheme to address the problems being faced by fishermen in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu-Laid

SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH (KANYAKUMARI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards an issue of utmost importance ? the enhancement of the livelihoods of our fishermen, including those from the coastal region of Kanyakumari. Fishermen play a vital role in our economy and society, often facing numerous challenges in their daily lives. Despite their contributions, many continue to struggle with limited access to modern technology, healthcare, and fair wages. To uplift this community, I propose the creation of a special scheme that allocates Rs. 2000 crore to address the daily needs of our fishermen. This initiative will provide financial support for their livelihoods, ensuring better access to fishing equipment, sustainable practices, and skill development. It will also focus on improving their access to healthcare, education, and social security, ensuring that no fisherman is left behind. This will especially benefit the fishermen of Kanyakumari, a region known for its rich marine biodiversity but also its vulnerability to climate change and economic hardship. By strengthening their financial resilience, we can empower them to lead dignified lives and contribute to the growth of our nation. Let us work together to secure a brighter future for our fishermen and ensure their vital contribution to our economy and society is recognized and valued.